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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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#### Interest Allowed.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
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Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

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RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 5% per Annum.  
" 6 " 4 " "  
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On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

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### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$800,000. RESERVE FUND, \$150,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " "  
" 12 " 5 " "

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelos NUTS. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET. DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL-BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS. Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VEVYON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS. CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES. HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT ATKINSON & CO. Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

S A M H I N G S T U L T Z, HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYPRHENE," AND HAS FOR SALE—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS. WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.

HATS in every style. DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, December 11, 1878. fe13

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal Soc., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN ETEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

PRICE: FIVE DOLLARS, OF TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALEN, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from E. DE LAURENT, Esq., French Consul of Canton, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, the 28th day of January, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,

Sundry EFFECTS, belonging to the Estate of the late Captain LONGUEVILLE, comprising—

A large collection of BOOKS.

A collection of Chinese, Japanese, Co-

pean, and Annamite COINS.

Aneroid, Sextant, Microscopes, Tele-

scopes, Binoculars, Medicine Chest,

Breech-loading and Needle Rifles, and

Flintlock-Pistols, Spencer Repeating Ri-

fles, Pistols, and Cartridges.

Vases, Bronzes, Ornaments,

&c., &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja28

## For Sale.

### EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS. LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879. RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS. RUG STRAPS, YOKHAMS, CHIT BOOKS. HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS. French and English BOOTS and SHOES.

PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES.

SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS of REFERENCE, California APPLES. HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS. COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.

SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.

FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.

CRICKET BALLS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.

PARTAGA HAVANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.

DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.

DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.

AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.

BASS'S ALE, Bottled by FOSTER.

Bass in Huds., SACCONI'S SHERRIES.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE MACAO STEAMER will not run on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Instant.

## Intimations.

### CHINA NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the undesignated BANKS will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"

D. A. J. CROMBIE, acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Merchant, Bank of India, London and China,"

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,"

J. SOMERVILLE, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"

E. SCHWEBLIN, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,"

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.,"

E. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879. ja23

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

SHOT AND SHELL PRACTICE.

AT STANLEY.

ODDLY ROOM, 20th January, 1879.

THE SEVEN POUNDER FIELD GUN DETACHMENTS will assemble at MURRAY PIER on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd Instant, at 8 o'clock a.m.

SIDE ARMS and HELMETS.

A. COXON, ja22 Captain-Commandant H. K. V. A.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS has Returned and is

Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS

at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD,

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER,

DR. EAST

## Intimations:

PLEASE NOTICE.

MR. H. SCHÜREN began to advertise that he will leave this Colony for Europe on or about the 8th of March next, and that therefore no Photos can be taken by him after the 28th of February. Hongkong, January 13, 1879. f613

H. U. T. S. H. I. N. G. S. F. began to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply B. E. F. M. U. T. T. O. N. &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenorchy having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879. j627

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Irauaddy,"  
G (in diamond) No. 1/3, Messrs Gilman & Co., 3 cases Granite, from London. Hongkong, January 3, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. TIGRE.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S. Gong, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 15th Inst., at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Cargo remaining undelivered after TUESDAY, the 21st Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, January 14, 1879.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

Fontenay, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

Fanny, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouy.—Landstein & Co.

Prince Arthur, British barque, Capt. R. Wills.—Chinese.

Maid of JUDAH, British barque, Capt. Alfred W. Webb.—Rosario & Co.

Pacific, German steamer, Capt. Hernsheim.—Slemesen & Co.

Pilgrim, American ship, Capt. Fowle.—Russell & Co.

Alfredo, Italian barque, Captain S. Pitulaga.—Borneo Co., Limited.

## To-day's Advertisements.

Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 3.—Vol. VII.

—OF THE—

"CHINA REVIEW"

## CONTAINS—

Jottings from the Book of Rites.

Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.

Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of History.

Coins of the "Ta-Tsing" Dynasty.

The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.

The Ballads of the Shih-king.

Translations of Chinese School-books.

Tonic and Vocal Modification in the Foochow Dialect.

Legislation and Law in Ancient China.

A Plea for "Pan-kwai."

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—

Tax on Industries in Canton.

A Bit of Folk-lore about Candies, Lamps and Fire.

Legends on Chinese Potcelain.

Tame Birds.

To snake a Tui (Antithesis).

"Respect This."

The Army of Kwangtung.

Gutta Percha in China.

Chinese Dialects.

Confucius' Losing a Horse in the Desert.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &amp;c.

China Mail Office.

Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the 29th January, 1879, at 2 p.m., at the Office of MESSRS OLYPHANT & Co., Praya.

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD and OFFICE FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—English-made Mahogany Morocco-covered Sofas and Easy Chairs.

English-made Oak Marble-top Cheffonier.

Pier Glasses, Clocks, Gasoliers and Gas Brackets, Engravings, Carpets, Glass Bookcases, and Books.

Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Tables, Washstands, Toilet Tables and Glasses, &c., etc.

Office Desks, Paper Presses, Sets of Pin-hole Holes, Book Shelves, Copying Presses and Stationery.

1 American-made Carom Billiard Table, with Balls, Cues, &c., complete, by Phelan and Collinder.

1 Iron Safe, 1 Fancy Iron Safe, by Verstaen; 1 Chubb's Iron Safe; 2 Platform and 1 Money Scales and Weights.

2 Printing Presses, a Quantity of Types, Type Stands, &c.

1 Four-Oar Gig, with Awning, Oars, &c., complete.

1 Phonet.

## And,

## SUNDRY WINE.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Tuesday, the 28th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 21, 1879. j29

## LOST.

A BOUT the 27th or 28th Dec., an English White Poodle DOG, Female.

Answers to the name of "BEAUTY." A Liberal Reward will be given for its return to 3rd door above Gage Street, on Peel Street, Miss Gordon.

Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

## MEDICAL MISS. SOCIETY.

THE 40th ANNUAL MEETING of this SOCIETY was held in Canton, at the house of MESSRS OLYPHANT & Co., on the 14th Instant. G. NYE, Esq., Senior Vice-President in the Chair. The Treasurer's Report (Audited by the Commissioner of Customs) was presented and abstracts read from the Report of the Work at the Society's Hospital and Dispensaries.

Forty Thousand cases were treated during 1878, about Two Thousand of which were Surgical.

Dr. F. CARROW, who has been Surgeon in charge for the past three years, resigned that post, and Dr. J. G. KERR, lately returned from America, was appointed in his stead. Detailed Accounts of the cases treated both Medical and Surgical will appear in the Printed Report for 1878, which will be circulated as soon as they are ready.

F. CARROW, M.D.,  
Secretary.

January 21, 1879.



## STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUBZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH AMPTON, AND LONDON;

VIA BOMBAY,

ALSO

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship PEKIN, Captain W. WOOLCOCK, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 1st February, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silks and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. MOYER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879. f611

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Jan. 21, Irauaddy, French steamer, 2558, Gauvalin, Shanghai Jan. 18, Main and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Jan. 21, Douglas, British steamer, 884, M. Young, Foochow Jan. 17, Amoy 19, and Swatow 20, General.—DOUGLAS LIPRAKE & Co.

Jan. 21, Lee Yuen, Chinese steamer, 704, Tidall, Shanghai and Swatow Jan. 20, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Jan. 21, Emuy, Spanish steamer, 222, F. Blanco, Manila Jan. 18, General.—REMEROS & Co.

Jan. 21, Yettung, British steamer, 265, S. W. Goggin, Swatow Jan. 20, General.—KWOK ACEHONG.

Jan. 21, 1.30 p.m., Hooch Yuen, Chinese steamer, 850, C. Wilson, Shanghai Jan. 18, 6 a.m., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Jan. 21, Kdro, British steamer, 878, T. Colling, Swatow Jan. 20, Balacl.—C. TAN.

Jan. 21, Teucer, British steamer, 1756, Power, Liverpool Nov. 28, via ports of call, and Singapore Jan. 14, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Jan. 21, Arriola, French iron-clad, 8800, de la Barriera, Manila Jan. 17, 12 guns, 450 H.P.

## Cleared.

Premier, for Rangoon.

Nuovo Constante, for Manila.

Glenorchy, for Shanghai.

## DEPARTURES.

Jan. 21, S. R. Beattie, for New York.

21, Perambuco, for Saloon.

21, Amoy, for Shanghai.

21, Yeo, for Swatow and Amoy.

21, Maid of JUDAH, for Takow.

## ARRIVED.

Per Irauaddy, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Messrs H. I. Such, E. A. Reeves L. Nelson, and 4 Chinese; for Marseilles, Messrs G. J. W. Cowie, L. Fraser, H. Brösch, H. W. Hagart, G. Ecollet, Miss Anna de Bichmis, Messrs Geo. Moboy, J. W. Rothery, Daniel Gregor, and H. Cook.

Per Douglas, from Coast Ports, Capt. Douglas, Messrs Anderson and Wade, and 11 Chinese.

Per Hui Yuen, from Shanghai, Mr. Hahnbrunner, and 32 Chinese.

Per Lee Yuen, from Shanghai and Swatow, 36 Chinese.

Per Emuy, from Manila, 45 Chinese.

Per Teucer, from Straits, 125 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per Perambuco, for Saigon, 32 Chinese.

Per Amoy, for Shanghai, 12 Chinese.

Per Yesso, for Coast, 300 Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per Glenorchy, for Shanghai, 4 Europeans.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Douglas reports: Left Foochow (Friday) 17th inst., Amoy 19th, and Foochow at 4 p.m. 20th. Had moderate monsoon and fine weather to Amoy. Light airs and haze to Swatow, and from there to port variable winds with passing showers. Passed T. S. Yettung of Tonglae Point, and S. S. Lee Yuen of Ningpo both bound West. At Foochow: General corvette Freya. At Amoy: H. M. S. Hart, and S. S. Korea. At Swatow: S. S. Kara, Tientsin, and Kirkingtung.

The Chinese steamer Lee Yuen reports: Fine weather and steady N.E. monsoon.

The Spanish steamer Emuy reports: Moderate monsoon throughout and fine weather.

The British steamer Yettung reports: Moderate monsoon and cloudy weather.

The Chinese steamer Hui Yuen reports

the purpose than those used hitherto, and if the rooms were thrown into one by substituting a couple of stout pillars in place of the wall which now divides them, it would not only tend to promote the comfort of the audience, but would do much towards increasing the popularity these entertainments already enjoy. The only thing lacking to bring about this happy state of affairs is a few dollars judiciously expended—not a very large sum, at most \$100 or \$150, would be sufficient to convert the rooms into a really commodious hall. Mr D. R. Crawford, who presided during the evening, made a few very appropriate remarks.—Mr Lammett, as usual, opened the entertainment with a selection on the pianoforte; then followed a duet "Far Away," which was very well sung by two gentlemen who have more than once assisted at these gatherings. A comic song entitled "The Baronet" was much appreciated and called forth an encore; the action of the performer being exceedingly appropriate. Mr Fraser-Smith then favored the audience with another sample of his well-known elocutionary powers—"Waterloo"—which he delivered with taste and feeling. "Nancy Lee" was next sung by Sergeant Wishart, who was deservedly applauded; and volunteer, Mr Lave, then sang, "Let me like a soldier fall," his rich powerful voice (which however would be the better of a little training) enabled him to sing this somewhat difficult martial song in good style, and he responded to the encore which followed by singing "I'll hang my harp on a willow tree" without the piano. "Jock, the railway Porter" was next sung by Mr Jamieson of the 14th, whose powers as a comedian are pretty well known, the song was really more a recital of the experiences of a railway porter on the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway, given in good broad Scotch, than a song—the audience being kept in roars of laughter the whole time. His re-appearance was loudly demanded, when he gave another of the same sort, with if anything greater success—in fact, Jamieson was an entertainment in himself and had to appear no less than four times. A Reading by the Chairman about the benefits of "watering the milk" and the evils of keeping a cow, was in good taste, and delivered in a manner which kept every one in good humour. This, with a song by Mr Dinsell, whose efforts were somewhat marred by the absence of a banjo, and a song by Mr Fressick ("Thy voice is near") the sweetness of which was drawn by the piano, brought the proceedings to a close.

List of Articles presented to the City Hall Museum and Library, from 13th Dec. 1878 to 19th Jan. 1879:—1 Genet, by Hon. J. M. Price; 2 Pieces Clay, by Messrs Chong Yun Chan; 1 Glass Spouse, by G. S. Northcote, Esq.; 2 Vols. Atheneum, and 1 Digest of the Criminal Law, by H. L. Denys, Esq.; 376 Bottles Sundries, and 1 Net, &c., &c. from Formosa, by Rev. Wm. Campbell; 2 Birds from Amoy, by J. Kirkwood, Esq.; 2 Birds, by J. E. Beale, Esq.; 1 Large Emen, and 1 Hyalithine Gallinule, by C. Ford, Esq.

Return of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending January 19th 1879:—

	European.	Chinese.	
Monday, Jan. 13th,	71	616	
Tuesday,	14th,	63	343
Wednesday,	15th,	63	299
Thursday,	16th,	69	302
Friday,	17th,	65	858
Saturday,	18th,	55	40
Sunday,	19th,	52	Sunday
Totals,	429	1,959	
Grand total,	2,387		

The following telegrams are from the Singapore Daily Times:—

London, Jan. 10.—General Roberts successfully attacked and completely defeated the enemy at Khost with heavy loss; the British loss was but small. The victory is expected to have a salutary effect. [Khost would appear to be the same as Khush marked on the map as beyond the Shular Gurdar Pass, and if so General Roberts to within striking distance of Cabul, within 50 miles, but he cannot be strong enough to attack the capital.—Ed. S. T.]

London, Jan. 11.—The Earl of Beaconsfield has completely recovered.

Bombay, Jan. 11.—The Mangal tribe has assumed a threatening aspect and General Roberts consequently decided to return to Khowram and concentrate his scattered forces. The Cabul Sirdars have written a friendly letter to Major Cawagni.

Aziz Khan has disbanded his army and left Khandahar. Latest advices state that General Stewart was on his way's march from Khandahar on 8th January.

#### SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr Justice Snowden.)

21st January, 1879.

B. G. James v. Lee Awab, \$60.—This was a claim for the value of certain articles of jewellery and a silk quilt which the defendant, as servant to plaintiff, had under his charge. The defendant had been charged with stealing the articles and was given his discharge just Awab, last

October. He was released by order of H. E. the Governor on the 8th of this month, and last Tuesday appeared to prosecute the present plaintiff for his wages for five months. Mr Justice Russell, before whom that case was heard, adjourned the hearing to allow of the present action being taken, as counter claim.

Mr James related the grounds upon which he based his claim, and called the man who succeeded defendant as his servant to prove that the articles alleged to be missing were not in the house when he took over charge. In answer to defendant, Mr James said he did not raise his wages from \$8 to \$10 to get him away from his previous master; he knew nothing of what his former master paid him. Defendant had then said he had made nothing to do with the mess at Bellevue; but he evidently expected to make something on the "chow-chow," in addition to his \$10, when he took service with the plaintiff (Mr James). His Lordship remarked that \$10 was very good wages for a boy.

Sergeant Toomey stated that he had arrested the defendant Lee Awab on the 20th October last, for stealing a bed-quilt and other articles the property of his employer, Mr James. He was convicted and sentenced to six months' hard labour on the 21st October.

His Lordship: Six months' hard labour? How comes he to be out of Gaol now then? Witness: He was released by order of H. E. the Governor, on the 9th instant. Witness said he found none of the property in defendant's boxes or in his house; no trace was found of the property at the pawnbroker's shop.

Mr James said he should like to ask how it was he came out of gaol so soon.

His Lordship said he (Mr James) could ask any question he liked in cross-examination.

Lee Awab (the defendant) was then deposed and stated how he came into the service of Mr James. He said that as regards the jewellery said to be missing he (defendant) had been sent to make a report of the robbery at the Central Station on the 20th July. He had left the plaintiff's service because his wages were not paid regularly. He had remained in the plaintiff's employ from July to September at the request of the plaintiff and still received no wages; he therefore told the plaintiff that he could not work any longer without wages. With regard to the missing property defendant—who spoke pretty fair English—said that plaintiff had distinctly told him that he did not know who to blame for the loss of the articles missing. He had applied several times for payment of his wages, and on the 10th October had threatened to summon the plaintiff. The plaintiff had then threatened to arrest him (defendant). Defendant took out a summons on the 11th. In regard to his release, he said H. E. the Governor visited the gaol on the 8th January when defendant stated his case. The result was that the case was re-heard.

His Lordship: Re-heard? Where was it re-heard? Witness (continued):—In the office of the Gaol, before Mr Tonnochy; and on that re-hearing he was discharged. Plaintiff had promised to pay his wages when he came out of gaol. He had engaged a substitute whilst sick; and he suspected that the ring and other articles missing were stolen by the substitute. He (defendant) did not know the substitute before; he only met him at another house. He last saw the ring before he went home sick; they were in a small box on the dressing-table. He could not find the substitute now; and he denied having wilfully allowed the substitute to escape.

His Lordship adjourned the case for one week in order that he might confer with Mr Justice Russell regarding the other suit.

Wat Aching v. R. Snów, \$16.00.—This was a claim for painting the cabin of the American barque *Helena*. Defendant denied liability on the ground of the work not having been done to his satisfaction. The work was done last time the vessel was here, and an acknowledgement of the debt had been signed by defendant, in which he promised to pay the amount, providing the work stood. The work was not at all satisfactory, hence the dispute.

His Lordship said he should give judgment for the defendant, with costs, at the same time remarking that these written contracts were sometimes hard on the Chinese painter, as they were written in English; and he (his Lordship) was therefore very careful to sift such cases in order to do justice. At the same time they must do their work properly, although they could not be expected to do their work as well as Euopeans.

Yan Ayoo v. Thevenin, \$8.70.—This was a claim for wages, &c. Defendant admitted \$1.63. Plaintiff said he was willing to accept that sum, providing he got his clothes. Defendant said he had never refused to give up the clothes, and had been willing all along to pay the \$1.63. The plaintiff had been to gaol for 3 months, with hard labour, for stealing from his (defendant's) store, and when he came out of gaol, he went to the store and demanded his paper, clothes and money in a very impudent manner.

His Lordship said that the plaintiff might himself lucky to get the \$1.63; he would give judgment for that amount, without costs.

Foster v. McKirdy, \$45.—This was a claim for wages as an oiler on board S.S. *Perseus*, of which the defendant is the master. It would appear that the plaintiff took an advance note for the amount, which was drawn upon Messrs Oliphant and Co., who were the charterers of the steamer. The defendant did not deny the validity of the note, but said that the plaintiff had neglected to cash the note before the ship left. When the ship returned, Messrs Oliphant & Co. had failed, and the note was valueless. At the same time the ship had been debited with the amount, and the only question for the Court was whether the defendant was liable for the amount under the circumstances.

The defendant stated that it was the universal custom for seamen if they did not use their advance notes to return them to the master before the ship sailed, who would then write the amount off the articles and the seaman would get the benefit. The plaintiff when asked by His Lordship why he had not done this, said that he had not cashed his note the previous voyage and had got the money when the ship returned here, so had thought it all safe this time.

His Lordship said it was a very important point, and he would consider the matter and give his decision post-dictum.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH AT THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.

21 Jan. 1879.

SIR.—On reading the Speech of H. E. the Governor, which was delivered at the annual distribution of prizes at the Central School, I observe that he makes one or two remarks on the defective knowledge of Chemistry possessed by the pupils, and which the Governor discovered himself after examination of the boys.

H. E. did not however give his audience any hint to the nature of the questions put, further than the general remark that they were "really very simple elementary questions." They were five in number, and out of these only one was answered properly. I have not seen any official copy of the questions put by the Governor on the occasion, but from what I can gather from various sources four of the questions were as follows: the fifth I have been unable to hear anything about:—

1. What is Heat?
2. What is Light?
3. Give the principal element contained in Rice.
4. State what are the chemical constituents of Tea?

Now, I would beg to ask anyone at all acquainted with the subject of Chemistry—it does not particularly matter whether he be an "honourable or learned friend?"—If the above four questions are "really very simple and elementary"? Were they reasonable questions to put to such a class? Were they included in the subjects taught at any time during the very elementary course of chemistry at the Central School? Do the first and second questions relating to Light and Heat come under Chemistry? Are they not usually taught under the head of Natural Philosophy or Physics? Do not the third and fourth questions come under Organic Chemistry, a branch of the subject never taught in the Central School? Was it a fair test of the boy's knowledge of Chemistry to take them outside of the subjects they had studied? Is it a fact that text-books are used by the pupils at the Central School?

The Governor in his speech makes the following statement,—"During the last six months instead of four European teachers we have had five in the school." I do not know who is responsible for the Governor's want of accurate information,—because the fifth European teacher only joined the staff on the 2nd instant, when St. Paul's College was shut up for the second time in its history; and therefore the additional teacher could have had nothing to do with the teaching in the Central School during the past year.

Yours, FAIRPLAY.

##### China.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier.)

We believe we are correct in stating that the long-voiced question of the new uniform for the S.V.C. may be considered as at length decided, and that it will be of the brilliant scarlet and soldier-like pattern of the sketch submitted to the Council.

An impudent attempt at extortion has just been brought to our notice. A well-to-do Chinese woman was stopped in the Foochow Road on Friday last by a native who represented himself to be a broker. He claimed acquaintance, and asked her to lend him \$20. She failed to recognise him and told him so, but he still continued to importune her and told her if she did not pay him the money he would have her arrested. She ridiculed his impudence, and he went away declaring vengeance. Shortly afterwards he appeared at the Mixed Court and represented that the woman was his second wife, and that she had left him, taking away property of the value of about \$250. Crodeno was placed in his statement, and warrant was granted for the trial. He was accepted for her appearance. The case came before the Court on Monday last, when the whole thing was explained to be an attempt to extort money from her under fear of arrest, and she was liberated. An application that her persecutor should be punished was disconcerned by the Chinese magistrate. The man has not lived long in Shanghai, and it is thought he was ignorant of the fact that the warrant would be executed under foreign supervision, otherwise it would not have been difficult for him to have succeeded.

PEKING.

Dec. 9th.

The weather here remains very mild. Our lowest observation of the thermometer at night has been 19° F., by day 84°.

Two of the London Missionaries have returned from a long visit to Shantung, where some 300 persons were baptised, among them a dozen graduates. There are at least one thousand more names on their lists, applicants either for the initiatory rite or instruction. This is unexampled progress.

From Shansi we learn that the late rains in many parts of the province have done very considerable damage. In the 9th month, in four of the hsiens in Tai-yen-fu, it rained incessantly during the 7th, 8th and 9th, and on the 16th and 17th it rained more or less. The sun was not seen from the 6th to the 16th; many houses fell, the people in large numbers were dying of fever, and the millet crops were completely destroyed.

In Shantung, too, the Yellow River had burst its banks and flooded the surrounding country, filling up the old dry water courses. In many places it stretched continuously for twenty or thirty 4' and ranged from 8 or 9 inches to 1 1/2 feet deep. The alluvial soil left after the subsidence amounted to 8 or 4 inches.

More snow has fallen, and the wheat crop may be said to be secure. Next year, the poorest will be able to eat "white flour."—N. O. D. News.

The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

The Chinese Protection Department is resolved, it would appear, to make a noise in the world. According to a clause in the Immigration Ordinance, a master of a vessel conveying coolies from China to this port must not land them until an inspector from the Chinese Department shall have

consent to the men being allowed to leave. This, we understand, is the case whether the passage of the coolies has been paid or not. The master of the *Currisbrook*, Captain Wharton—one of the most respectable ship-masters trading with this port—was unfortunate enough to sin against the Ordinance some time ago, by not preventing coolies whom he had brought from China from landing before they were examined by the Protector's Agent. A prosecution at the instance of the Chinese Department was instituted, notwithstanding the fact that the *Currisbrook* anchored in the harbour during the night, and that it may have been difficult for the Captain to obtain coolies whose passage had been paid, until the arrival of the Protectors' Agent. The *Currisbrook* was unmercifully traded with, and the crew were ill-treated, and the master was compelled to give up his ship.

As the guest is inspecting this bright bit of colour he will be roused by the full strain of a voice skilled in many languages, but never so full and hearty as when bidding a friend a welcome. The speaker, Richard Burton, is a living proof that intense work, mental and physical, sojourn in torrid and frozen climates, danger from dagger and from pestilence, "age" a person of good sound constitution far less than may be supposed. A Hertfordshire man, a soldier, and the son of a soldier, of mingled Scotch, Irish, and French descent, his iron frame shows in its twelfth lustre no sign of decay. Arme blanche and more insidious fever have neither dimmed his eye nor wasted his sinews. Standing about five feet eleven, his broad deep chest and square shoulders reduce his apparent height very considerably, and the illusion is intensified by hands and feet of Oriental smallness.

The Eastern and indeed distinctly Arab, look of the man is made more pronounced by prominent black hairs (one of which is the scar of a sabre-cut), by closely-cropped black hair just tinged with gray, and a pair of piercing black gipsy-looking eyes. A short straight nose, a determined mouth partly hidden by a black moustache, and a deeply-bronzed complexion. By vivid imagination only a couple of seasons ago. It is not to be wondered at that this stern Arab face, and a tongue marvellously rich in Oriental idiom and Mahometan lore, should have deceived doctors learned in the Koran, among whom Richard Burton risked his life during that memorable pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina, on which the slightest gesture or accent betrayed the Frank would have unheathed a hundred Kandjars. This celebrated journey, to which we referred, has reference to the Harbour-masters and not to the Chinese department, the latter, under the instructions of the Government, endeavouring to obviate the inconvenience caused by a literal enforcement of the Ordinance by sending an officer on board at 6.30 A.M. to receive the Captain's report instead of obliging him to wait until 10 A.M. In using the word "aristus," we were perhaps mistaken, as we are informed that Captain Wharton was totally unknown to the official who instituted the prosecution, and that the Assistant Protector stated in Court that he had no opposition to offer to any arrangement which dispensed with the Captain's presence after the case had been formally opened. We are further informed that, in all cases, masters of vessels have been warned only when the Ordinance has been infringed a first or second time.

##### CELEBRITIES AT HOME.

CAPTAIN RICHARD F. BURTON AT TRIESTE.

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The fact is not given to every man to go to Trieste. The need not cause unmerited regret, inasmuch as the chief Austrian port on the Adriatic shares with Oriental towns the disagreeable character of presenting a fair appearance from a distance, and afflicting the traveller, who has become for the time a denizen, with a painful sense of disengagement. Perhaps the first glimpse of Trieste owes something to contrast, as it is obtained after passing through a desolate town like the Karso.

As the train glides from these inhospitable heights towards Trieste, the head of the Adriatic presents a scene of unrivaled beauty. On one side rise high, rugged, wooded mountains, on a ledge of which the rails are laid; on the other is a deep precipice, at whose base rolls the blue sea, dotted with lateen sail, painted of every shade of colour, and adorned with figures of saints and other popular devices. The white town staring out of the corner covers a considerable space, and places its villa outposts high up the neighbouring hills covered with verdure to the water's edge.

Trieste is the city of three winds. One of these, the *Bora*, blows the people almost into the sea with its fury, rising suddenly like a cyclone, and sweeping all before it; like the second is named the *Scirocco*, which blows the drainage back into the town; and the third is the *Contrasto*, formed by the two first-named winds blowing at once against each other. Alternating atmospherically between extremes of heat and cold, Trieste is, from a political point of view, perpetually pushing the principles of independence to the verge of disorder.

Arrived at the railway station, there is no need to call a cab and ask to be driven to the British Consul's, since, just opposite the station and close to the sea, rises the tall block of building in which the Consulate is situated. Somewhat puzzled to choose between three entrances, the stranger proceeds to mount the long series of steps lying beyond the particular portal to which he is directed. There is a superstition prevalent in the building and in the neighbourhood, that there are but four stories, including but one hundred and twenty steps. Who, after a protracted climb, finally succeeds in reaching Captain Burton's landing, will entertain considerable doubts as to the correctness of the estimate. A German damsel opens the door, and inquires whether the visitor wants to see the *Gräfin* or the *Herr Consul*. Captain and Mrs. Burton are well, if airy, lodged in a flat composed of ten rooms, separated by a corridor adorned with a picture of our *Saviour*, a statuette of St. Joseph with a lamp, and a Madonna with another lamp burning before it. Thus far, the boudoirs are all of the cross; but no sooner are we landed in the little drawing-rooms than signs of the crescent appear. Small but artistically arranged, the rooms, opening into one another, are bright with Oriental hangings, with trays and dishes of gold and silver, brass trays and goblets, chinoiserie with great amber mouthpieces, and all kinds of Eastern treasures mingled with family souvenirs.

## Mails.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.  
STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 25th January, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. IRACUADDY, Commandant GAUVAIN, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 24th January, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 14, 1879. ja25

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. OCEANIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 4th February, 1879, at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 3rd February. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 3, 1879. ja24

## SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## Insurances.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings or on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED, 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent,

Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

## Insurances.

BERLIN COLOGNE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, BERLIN.

Guarantees Funds of the Company's Reinvoers, M. 100,000,000. Shareholders Capital, 6,400,000 Premiums and Interests for 1877, 5,157,543 Reserves, 1,666,123

Makes a Grand Total of... M. 112,823,763

Capital Insured and of 1877, M. 1,924,507,681

## Intimations.

MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS, No. 42, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Consequence of the Fire, NAM HING LOONG has REMOVED to No. 6, STANLEY STREET, where Business will be Conducted as usual.

Hongkong, December 28, 1878. ja28

NOTICE.  
OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

Hongkong, January, 1879. ja16

SEVENTH RETURN OF CAPITAL AT the Rate of TWO TALES per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 8th January. Payable at the Office of the Liquidator, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th January.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 15th January, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, January 4, 1879. ja8

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

GENCLES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Salgan and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHLIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

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Life Department.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £ 100,000 Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, October 16, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company. Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. (FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

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Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Orders will be received by Monday, January 1, 1875.

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